Sports Development Policy

1213. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's Sports Development Policy;

(b) whether the policy includes the imparting of advance coaching to budding sportsmen in foreign countries under renowned coaches at State or organisational expenses; and

(c) if not, how does the Sports Authority of India plan to upgrade the standard of performance of sportsmen in the national and International meets?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) It is the policy of the Government to promote and develop sports in the country in all its aspects.

(b) It is considered that for the coaching of budding sportsmen the necessary coaching expertise is available in the country.

(c) The Government, Sports Authority of India and other concerned sports agencies propose to spot talent at a young age, to nurture it, and to provide high level training|coaching to selected sportsmen within the country and also opportunities for international competition.

Fall in the Production of Marine Fish

1214. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MAILK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Stateman of 27th June, 1984, wherein it has been stated that there has been considerable fall in the output of marine fish and if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) what was the fall in the output of marine fish during the year 1983-84 as compared to that in last two years; and

(c) whether Government have formulated any plan promote marine fishery and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. The news item, *inter-alia*, reports that India's marine fish production declined from 1.421 million tonnes in 1981-82 to 1.415 million tonnes in 1982-83.

(b) Instead of fall in the marine fish production, there has been a rise of 6 per cent in the marine fish landing in 1983 as compared with that in 1982. Figures on annual marine fish production in India in the last three years available with the Ministry, as computed from the data received from the State Governments are as follows:

1981 . . . . . 14.45 lakh tonnes
1982 . . . . . 14.44 lakh tonnes
1983 . . . . . 15.32 lakh tonnes
(Estimated)

(c) Some of the important steps taken to increase marine fish production are:—

(i) assistance by the State in deversifying fishing activities and motorization of indigenous craft through loans|subsidy;

(ii) augmentation of deep sea fishing fleet through a judicious mixture of indigenous, imported and chartered fishing vessels;

(iii) providing 33 per cent subsidy on the cost of indigenously constructed deep sea fishing vessels;

(iv) providing loans on soft term for purchase of deep sea fishing vessels through the Shipping Development Fund Committee;

(v) augmentation of Fisheries Surveys and assistance for construction of fishing harbours at major and minor ports and of the landing and berthing facilities at smaller fishing centres; and

(vi) regulation of fishing by foreign vessels in the Exclusive Economic Zone. For this purpose, 'The Maritime Zones of India (Regulation of Fishing by Foreign Vessels) Act, 1981' has come into force with effect from 2nd November, 1981.

Loss to Farmers of Punjab and Haryana due to Sabotage in Bhakra Canal

1215. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers of Punjab and Haryana have suffered heavy loss of their cotton crop which has been destroyed due to sabotage in the Bhakra Canal:

(b) if so, what is the estimated loss as a result thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to pay any compensation to the affected farmers and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) It is too early to assess the loss; if any, the cotton crop caused by sabotage in Bhakra Canal.

(c) Compensation is not paid by the Government of India in such cases.

Destruction of Files Concerning Asiad Tickets

1216. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Statesman of June 1, 1984 to the effect that file concerning Ninth ASIAD tickets which were retained by the Special Organising Committee, were not made available to audit on one pretext or the other;

(b) if so, what was the value of these tickets; and

(c) what are the reasons for which audit was not completed before the files were destroyed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Special Organising Committee has intimated that all files sought by audit were made available. Value of unsold domestic tickets was Rs. 1.65 crores and value of unsold tickets meant for sale abroad was US $1.34 lakh, which is inclusive of 19140 tickets worth US $53,895 retained by SOC. The SOC has also informed that no files dealing with tickets were destroyed by them.

Furniture and Furnishings at Asian Games Village

1217. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Statesman of 2nd June, 1984 to the effect that furnishings worth Rs. 37 lakhs remained unutilised at the Asian Games Village complex and on physical verification